

CASTS GLOOM OVER COMMUNITY

Mrs. Virginia Ecton is To Be Buried Friday Afternoon at 2 O'clock.

The death of Mrs. Ecton has cast a gloom over the entire community. This story of her early life is given by one that is acquainted with the facts.

In 1862, a company was organized at the home of her father at Jackson Ferry for the Confederate army. Miss Jennie, then a beautiful girl, was an enthusiastic Rebel, her brother, John Henry Jackson, being in the service. After the retirement of the Confederate forces from the State the Federals again took possession and her two daughters, Mrs. Lucy Green and Miss Jennie were arrested charged with aiding the Confederacy.

After being detained for several days at Lexington, they were released on taking the oath of allegiance.

Married in 1863.

October 20, 1863, W. H. Ecton and Mary Virginia Jackson were married. Since the death of Mr. Ecton, his widow has devoted her life in behalf of the unfortunate worthy or unworthy. If they were in trouble they had at least one friend in the person of Mrs. Ecton.

Story on Mrs. Ecton.

A prominent citizen gave us this story. About twenty years ago the Christian church had a Christmas tree. In so far as the church was concerned, the gifts for the children were uniform, but the parents of the more wealthy ones had taken advantage of the occasion to hang special gifts for their little ones. When Mrs. Ecton saw this she was displeased, but said nothing. She went out and at her own expense bought gifts for the poorer children to make them all as nearly equal as possible.

The funeral services will take place at the First Presbyterian church Friday at 2 p. m. Rev. J. H. MacNeill and Rev. C. J. Armstrong will officiate.

Pallbearers.

W. P. Azbill, M. T. McEldowney, Dr. Isaac Browne, W. S. Massie, B. R. Joutet, Dr. C. H. Rees.

Honorary Pallbearers.

J. M. Benton, Wm. Harding, B. F. Curtis, N. P. Van Meter, S. D. Goff, W. P. Winn.

Burial in the Winchester cemetery.

ATTENTION CONFEDERATE VETERANS.

All Confederate Veterans are requested to meet at the court house on Friday at half after one o'clock p. m., for the purpose of attending (in a body) the funeral of Mrs. Virginia Jackson Ecton, which will take place at the Presbyterian church at two o'clock on that day.

B. F. CURTIS, Commander of Camp, LEELEND HATHAWAY, Adgt.

ELMER HILL IS HUNG BY MOB

Was Taken Out Last Night at Monticello and Lynched.

A mob at Monticello, Ky., last night found and took out of jail and hanged Elmer Hill, the white man charged with assault upon and the murder of his thirteen-year-old cousin, Mamie Womack. This is the man whom the sheriff saved from the mob's first attempt.

"Taking the Waters."

It is the regimen that "thins." I remember asking a leading physician at Marienbad whether he really believed in the claim that those famous waters reduce the weight of the fat people who imbibe them. He smiled and said: "Perhaps they may act as a diolvent."—London Truth.

Rock and Rye.

Many a man has been wrecked on the rock of adversity, but there is generally a little rye on the side.—Philadelphia Record.

A German proverb says: "You can't turn the mill with the water that's passed by." Nor can you run a business on last year's advertising.—Printer's Ink.

BEECH HARGIS TRIAL BEGINS AT IRVINE

Small Town is Crowded With Witnesses and Spectators.

IRVINE, Ky., Dec. 17.—Judge J. P. Adams yesterday afternoon granted a delay of one day in the trial of Beach Hargis, for the murder of his father, Judge James Hargis, and the case went over until this morning at 8:30 o'clock.

The reason given by Judge D. B. Redwine for asking a temporary postponement was that the State had a number of witnesses of whom the defense had no knowledge and it was desired that time be given to look into their records.

The jury will be selected soon after court convenes today and that the hearing of testimony will be commenced this afternoon.

Hundreds of people from this and adjoining counties were in town yesterday morning when the case was called for trial. The Commonwealth at once called its witnesses and announced ready for trial.

The defense did not seem to be so ready and asked the court until 1 o'clock for time to consult and determine as to whether they were ready. This the court granted and at 1 o'clock Judge Redwine, for the defense, said that because of so many new witnesses appearing for the prosecution, they wanted still further time, and the court gave them until 8:30 o'clock this morning and

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announced that he would expect and demand that the trial proceed at that time.

Defendant in Good Health.

The young patricide was brought into court this morning as soon as his case was called and, despite the fact that his friends and attorneys had claimed on a motion for bail some time ago that his health was in an impaired condition, he was looking in the best of health.

He was accompanied to the court room by his mother and some of his intimate friends, who had been here since the first of the week making final preparations for the trial. The early trains brought from Jackson and Beattyville scores of witnesses, for both the prosecution and defense, a number having come earlier in the week.

Extraordinary Interest Shown.

Extraordinary interest is being manifested in the coming trial on account of the unusual nature of the crime, a son killing his father, and the past record of the family. Neither plans nor money is being spared in the defense of the young man.

The law firm of Riddell and Friend has been secured to assist in the defense. Commonwealth's Attorney Kelly Kash is being assisted by County Attorney Charles Friend and by Hon. A. Floyd Byrd, of Winchester.

A sharp tilt occurred between Mr. Byrd for the prosecution, and Judge Redwine, for the defense, when court convened today at 1 o'clock on the motion of Judge Redwine to lay the case over until tomorrow, but Judge Adams ended the dispute.

Hotels of Little Town Crowded.

The hotels of this little town of not more than five hundred inhabitants are crowded beyond their capacity with attorneys, witnesses and curiosity seekers and this no doubt will be one of the landmarks in its history.

At every tap of the bell, for the convening of court, the whole population flocks to the court house, anxious to hear every word and see every move that is made by either side, and the very best of order is preserved by the peace officers.



MABEL BARRISON, WHO HAS MADE ANOTHER COMEDY HIT.

Mabel Barrison has found in Clyde Fitch's "Blue Mouse" another vehicle that proves convulsingly funny. When the farce opened in New York recently it received about the best notices that any Fitch play or adaptation had received in several years. That within itself speaks volumes, for Mr. Fitch has written and staged many Broadway successes. Miss Barrison also came in for a goodly share of the critics' praise.

TIE BROOM BALL GAME IS PLAYED

In Second of Series, Lexington and Winchester Fail To Score.

The largest and most enthusiastic crowd that has assembled at the Auditorium this season was present Wednesday night to see the game of broom ball between the local team and the team from Lexington.

The game was fast and exciting from start to finish and carried the interest and enthusiasm of the crowd with it throughout. After hard playing for three halves of ten minutes each, neither side scored and the referee called the game.

Lexington is considered to be the strongest team in the league and have scored against every other team they have played against except the Winchester team. This was the second time these two teams have played each other and both games have resulted in a tie.

A special train bringing the Lexington team and about one hundred rooters from the Fayette capital arrived about 8 o'clock over the L. & E. and left at 11 o'clock.

The local boys will go to Lexington one night next week to make another effort to score against the crack Fayette lads and a special train will be run from this city on that night.

ADVERTISING PAID

MR. JOHN KING

Says Classified "Ad." in The News Brought Him Many Answers.

Mr. John King has full faith in the efficiency of classified advertisements in The News. He has a phonograph and about fifty records that he wanted to sell. He inserted a small ad. and ordered it out Thursday. He sold all the records and decided to keep the machine. He says he had numerous calls over the 'phone and was spoken to many times on the street about the records. And all the applications came through the little ad. in The News.

WINCHESTER MAN IS TO BUILD DEPOT

N. A. Powell Has Contract For Structure at Corbin For L. & N.

Mr. W. A. Powell of this city has the contract to erect the new depot for the L. & N. railroad at Corbin. The building is to be 130 feet long and about 40 feet wide. The Clark County Construction Company will do the cement work. Mr. W. E. Singleton, foreman, with a large force of men left Thursday morning to begin work on the foundation.

CASTRO RETAINS HIS COMPOSURE

Says He Has Not Heard of Trouble at Home—Holland's Acts Piracy.

Berlin, Dec. 17.—President Castro of Venezuela maintains his composure in the face of alarming reports which have been published here regarding the disturbances in Venezuela. When dispatches were shown to him that the people of Caracas had arisen against him, burned the pictures and statues of the president in the public squares and had made an attack upon a number of buildings, including the stores of several of his warm adherents, and that several persons had been killed, Castro, after having one of the members of his party make a translation of these into Spanish, said quietly: "I don't believe it. I had dispatches from Caracas, but they mentioned nothing of the kind."

President Castro was asked for an expression of his views regarding Holland's seizure of Venezuelan ships, but he answered: "I am in Germany in a private capacity."

He referred the correspondent to Senor Veloz-Goiticoa, the Venezuelan charge d'affaires, whom he authorized to talk for him. The charge then made the following statement: "In reply to your question, I doubt what has been published with regard to Holland's aggression, because no declaration of war has been made, nor has a blockade been announced, and none established. Therefore, the seizure of small Venezuelan vessels by sheer force can not be described other than as an act of piracy, unworthy any enlightened civilized country."

"On the other hand, such a course would jeopardize the arrangements which Venezuela has proposed to Holland through confidential agents, and could even have a worse effect, inasmuch as Venezuela in meeting payments due to Holland takes for that purpose a portion of the prescribed 30 per cent of the customs receipts. Thus Holland's act might place Venezuela in a position of being unable to continue payments, which also would jeopardize the interests of other nations. Holland is in the wrong in the difficulty between that country and Venezuela, and she is still more involved through the attitude which the Dutch government recently has adopted."

"In view of this state of the case, the Venezuelan government has informed the diplomatic corps at Caracas of these facts, and is waiting before taking any further steps."

Cheney Confirms Riot Story.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Through American Consul Cheney at Curacao the state department received its first official information of the stirring events in Caracas Monday. It was very brief, giving few details, and confirming in part the press dispatches of the happenings in that city. It is said that Caracas seemed to be on the verge of revolution and that attempts had been made to burn President Castro's residence. The dispatch spoke of the attack on the office of El Constitucional, where several persons were killed and property destroyed. An impression was conveyed that students were leading the rioters.

Glass Factories to Close.

Morgantown, W. Va., Dec. 17.—The independent windowglass operators of West Virginia and southwestern Pennsylvania have decided to shut down all windowglass plants until the National Association of Windowglass Workers either withdraws its new flat scale or agrees to a scale equal to the sliding scale which has been in operation since last December. Factories located in Morgantown, Fairmont, Weston, Clarksburg, Charleston, W. Va., and Uniontown, Point Marion and other Pennsylvania cities were represented by delegates, and other independents in this section, it is said, signified by wire their approval of the action.

Boni Withdraws Money Demand.

Paris, Dec. 17.—The last day of the hearing of the suit brought by Count Boni de Castellane against his former wife, the Princess De Sagan, born Gould, in which he petitions the court to award the custody of his three children to his mother, the Marquise De Castellane, brought out the fact that the count had decided upon a sudden change in front, in that he withdrew his demand that the court allow him a yearly income of \$60,000 for the maintenance of the children.

Train Kills Young Man.

Helena, O., Dec. 17.—Harry Smith, 22, was instantly killed while attempting to board a moving Pennsylvania passenger train.

TELLS STORY OF ANNIS MURDER

Yacht Club Member Was Eye Witness—Victim Taken Unaware.

Flushing, N. Y., Dec. 17.—The story of the slaying of William E. Annis, a publisher, as he sat in his catboat, clad only in a bathing suit, was made part of the record in the trial of Thornton J. Hains, a magazine writer, charged with being a principal with his brother, Captain Peter C. Hains, Jr., in the murder of Annis last summer.

Tracing the movements of the principals in the Bayside Yacht club tragedy with the aid of miniature iron figures and models of the float and the catboat Pam, Edwin Andrews, a yacht club member, showed under examination how the army captain, standing on the float's edge, held aloft the obscuring boom and sail of Annis' boat and shot the publisher as he sat at the tiller.

There was surprise when it was learned that John Tonnig, a Swedish boatman, who saw the tragedy, could not be located. District Attorney Darrin said he thought Tonnig was in Sweden, but that nothing had been heard from him since last September.

"He is a most important witness for us," said Lawyer McIntyre, "for through him we would have shown that he struck Captain Hains after the shooting with a boat hook or oar, and that to protect his brother, Thornton Hains drew his revolver."

The cross-examination of Andrews consumed the major portion of the session, and Lawyer McIntyre sought to develop that Thornton Hains had used expressions after the shooting to the effect that he had tried to dissuade Captain Hains from his act and that he would hold him until the officers came.

Special Prosecutor White declared in the opening of the state's case that evidence would be brought out to show that Thornton Hains had full knowledge of his brother's intention to kill Annis and virtually led the way to the yacht club and directed the search for the publisher. Mr. White declared that Thornton Hains pointed his revolver at Mrs. Annis and prevented her from going to the aid of her wounded husband.

CIVIL SERVICE LEAGUE

Reformers Meet Today For Session in Pittsburgh.

Pittsburgh, Dec. 17.—Reformers from all parts of the United States are assembled here today to attend the twenty-eighth annual meeting of the National Civil Service Reform league. The sessions of the league will take two days, during which time many topics of importance to those interested in national, state and municipal government will be discussed.

Among the addresses to be delivered at the meetings of the league will be the following:

"Civil Service Reform in the National Service," Hon. Charles J. Bonaparte, attorney general of the United States; "The Workings of the Civil Service Law in Pittsburgh," Hon. George R. Wallace of the civil service commission, Pittsburgh; "Progress of Civil Service Reform in New Jersey," Hon. Willis Fletcher Johnson, president of the New Jersey state civil service commission.

Brownsville Bill Postponed.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The senate informally agreed to postpone until after the Christmas holidays action on the bills providing for the re-enlistment of the negro soldiers who were discharged on account of the Brownsville affair of 1906. The understanding was arrived at after a brief discussion, in which Mr. Foraker said he did not wish to speak further on the subject until the reply of the secretary of war to the resolution calling for information concerning the use of detectives in that connection is received.

Makes Remarkable Flight.

Lemans, Dec. 17.—Wilbur Wright, the American aeronaut, made a most remarkable flight in his aeroplane. Instead of rising gradually, the machine shot up like a rocket to a height of 240 feet. The aeronaut then permitted it to drop about 50 feet, at which altitude he stopped the engine. The machine glided down smoothly and gracefully, landing about three-quarters of a mile from the starting point. Members of the English Aero club who were present became wildly enthusiastic over the performance.

Paper Mill Burns.

Dansville, N. Y., Dec. 17.—Fire destroyed the building, machinery and part of the materials of the Dansville paper mill, causing a loss estimated at more than \$100,000.